

Foundations of Military History: High School Edition

Military History · Practice Test · 13 Questions

1. What was the primary military formation used by the ancient Greek city-states, famous for its dense ranks of hoplites?

- A) Cohort
- B) Legion
- C) Phalanx
- D) Skirmish line

2. Which ancient empire's army was famously organized into 'legions,' highly disciplined units known for their engineering skills and tactical flexibility?

- A) Persian Empire
- B) Roman Empire
- C) Egyptian Empire
- D) Mongol Empire

3. What type of fortified structure was commonly built throughout Europe during the Middle Ages for defense and power projection?

- A) Pyramid
- B) Ziggurat
- C) Castle
- D) Watchtower

4. Which invention from China, later adopted worldwide, fundamentally changed warfare by allowing for the creation of firearms and cannons?

- A) The Compass
- B) Silk Production
- C) Gunpowder
- D) Paper Making

5. Who served as the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War?

- A) Thomas Jefferson
- B) Benjamin Franklin
- C) George Washington
- D) John Adams

6. The Battle of Saratoga, a crucial turning point, occurred during which major historical conflict?

- A) The French and Indian War
- B) The American Civil War
- C) The War of 1812
- D) The American Revolutionary War

7. At which famous battle did Napoleon Bonaparte suffer his final major defeat, leading to his exile?

- A) Battle of Austerlitz
- B) Battle of Borodino
- C) Battle of Leipzig
- D) Battle of Waterloo

8. What major issue concerning human rights and economy was a primary cause of the American Civil War?

- A) Tariff policies
- B) Territorial expansion
- C) Slavery
- D) States' rights to self-governance

9. Who was the commanding general of the Confederate Army during the American Civil War?

- A) Ulysses S. Grant
- B) William Tecumseh Sherman
- C) George McClellan
- D) Robert E. Lee

10. In what year did World War I primarily begin in Europe?

- A) 1905
- B) 1914
- C) 1920
- D) 1939

11. What type of defensive warfare, involving elaborate systems of ditches, characterized much of the fighting on the Western Front in World War I?

- A) Guerrilla warfare
- B) Blitzkrieg
- C) Trench warfare
- D) Naval warfare

12. Which new weapon, first introduced by the British, aimed to break the stalemate of trench warfare in World War I?

- A) Submarine
- B) Machine gun
- C) Tank
- D) Poison gas

13. Which treaty officially ended World War I and imposed significant reparations on Germany?

- A) Treaty of Ghent
- B) Treaty of Paris
- C) Treaty of Versailles
- D) Treaty of Westphalia